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From shelf to table

Honor Credit Union launches Pantry PowerUp initiative

By MAXWELL HARDEN
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BERRIEN SPRINGS — This fall, Honor Credit Union is taking action to stock shelves and combat food insecurity across Michigan with Honor's Pantry PowerUp initiative.

In an effort to support its local communities, Honor is donating a total of $30,000 to food banks throughout the six regions they serve in Michigan. Their goal is to stock shelves and address the urgent needs of families and individuals facing economic hardships.

Founded in 1934, Honor Credit Union has grown to 28 locations statewide while maintaining a connection to the local community. The organization has a long history of supporting vital causes and is now focusing on combating food shortages by stocking shelves across the state.

"Although food drives are often busiest during the holidays, this year we're witnessing an urgent need that simply can't wait," said Jen Wagner, Community Relations Manager at Honor Credit

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Honor Credit Union donated $2,500 to the Bread of Life pantry in Dowagiac.

Six arrested in LaGrange Township drug bust

STAFF REPORT

LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP — An inter-agency law enforcement team arrested six people Tuesday in connection with illegal narcotics and stolen property in LaGrange Township, according to the Cass County Sheriff's Office.

The Cass County Drug Enforcement Team worked an investigation along with Berrien County Detectives for stolen property. Detectives located stolen property at an address in the 24000 block of Peavine St. in LaGrange Township and located a large amount of methamphetamine and methamphetamine paraphernalia. Detectives arrested a 37-year-old male for possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, a 35-year-old male for possession of methamphetamine, a 29-year-old female for possession of methamphetamine, a 21-year-old male for outstanding warrants, a 39-year-old male for outstanding warrants, and a 37-year-old female for outstanding warrants. Detectives are requesting charges on other suspects in reference to possession of stolen property.

The suspects' names are being withheld pending arraignment on the charges in the 4th district court. The investigation is still ongoing at this time. Agencies assisting with the investigation

were the Cass County Sheriff's Office, and Berrien County Sheriff's Office.

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Cass County Treasurer Hope Anderson recognized her staff for going above and beyond to assist Cass County homeowners through the MI-HOPE program. Pictured from left are Deputy Treasurer Paulette Johnson, Tax Clerk Barbara Cherryholmes, Foreclosure Prevention Specialist Traci Haskins and Treasurer Hope Anderson.

Cass County employees recognized for outstanding service with MI-HOPE program

COMMUNITY REPORT

CASS COUNTY — Four Cass County employees were recognized at the Board of Commissioners meeting Thursday for going above and beyond to serve the community.

Cass County Treasurer Hope Anderson gave an emotional presentation about the MI-HOPE program, a grant allocated by the Michigan State Housing Development Authority to fund energy-efficient home upgrades. The Cass County Land Bank Authority was granted $875,000 through the program, which allowed them to help 38 Cass County homeowners get new roofs, windows, doors, appliances and more.

"The MI-HOPE Program has been a crucial lifeline for many homeowners in Cass County, helping to encourage and facilitate energy-efficiency focused residential housing repairs and upgrades,"

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A WALK TO THE PAST

Council on Aging, History Museum host downtown Dowagiac walking tour

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DOWAGIAC — The Cass County Council on Aging and the Dowagiac Area History Museum teamed up to host a historic walking tour of downtown Dowagiac Friday, Oct. 4.

Museum Director Steve Arseneau and COA Front Street Director Ky'sha Johnson led more than 20 participants on a walking tour of downtown Dowagiac providing history of some of the historic sites of the city, including the site of the American House Hotel, The Fair Store (Currently the home of Who Knew? Consignment, the Heddon Museum and more), Beckwith Park, Commercial and Pennsylvania, the house of Nicholas Bock – a Belgian immigrant who served

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"Let us go back to what is reliable, which is "paper and pen" since the days of ancient Egypt. I read about a hospital with nurses who were unable to type in their reports due to broken computers and ransomware. Why must we be dependent on electricity for everything?"

"All of our gains in LED bulb savings have been squandered by the bitcoin mining that is ravaging our electrical grid and driving up everyone's energy bills."

"The University of Cambridge's Bitcoin Electricity Consumption Index (CBECI) estimates that Bitcoin mining used 121.13 terawatt-hours (TWh) of electricity in 2023. This is more than many countries, including the Netherlands."

"The lies are dangerous. FEMA is NOT handing out money to illegals. And, the 'I'll say anything to win the election' lies must stop for heaven's sake."

"I just want honesty from our leaders. We are big boys and girls and can handle the truth."

"I can't believe we even considered Joe Biden as a candidate for yet another four years. I can barely walk, speak and eat. He has been hidden from the public for good reason."

"Go Lions Go!"

"So, 'Democrats now control hurricanes with lasers' according to Congresswoman Majorie Taylor Greene. This is actually a sitting member of Congress saying this stuff..."

"One year of bombing Gaza is enough. For those of you keeping score: 41,431 dead in Gaza and 1706 dead Israelis. There can be no winners in this disaster and meltdown of humanity. How did we get to the point where this is acceptable? A right to defend itself is one thing, but the children of Gaza did not fire a weapon."

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TEACHER/STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Kim Deering, Dowagiac Middle School

STAFF REPORT

Educators are perhaps the greatest population of unsung heroes in Berrien and Cass County. This school year, Leader Publications will publish a weekly spotlight featuring teachers and staff throughout the Dowagiac Union Schools district, giving the community a chance to get to know the hard-working individuals shaping their children's lives.

Name: Kim Deering
School: Dowagiac Middle School
Grades/subjects taught: 6th grade ELA, 7th grade English Support

Where did you attend college?

Western Michigan University – Go Broncos!

How many years have you been teaching? How many years have you been with your current school?

23 – I have been at the Middle School all but five of those years.

Why did you decide to become a teacher?

Honestly, I always wanted to teach, but when I went to college I dabbled in psychology, business, and criminal justice before settling into education. I was drawn to the creative side of designing engaging lessons and hoped to be a positive role model for students.

Outside of school, what do you enjoy doing for fun?

I love to travel, camp, spend time with my family, friends, and pets, read, and take walks.

What is one thing your students may not know about you?

I love to go to concerts.

Who is your favorite fictional character and why?

Belle from Beauty and the Beast. I feel the same way as she does about books!

When you were a student in the grade you teach, what were your favorite hobbies?

You would find me playing outside with my friends, riding bikes, and taking dance classes.

How would your coworkers describe your teaching tyle and personality?

I set high standards, have clear expectations and routines, a sense of humor, and good relationships with my students.

Who is your biggest role model and why?

My parents are my greatest role models. Despite their responsibilities, my parents are always there for our family when we need them. Their dedication to family has set the greatest example for me.

How has education changed in the last 10 years?

So much has changed. Technology is more prevalent. Because of this, it is much easier for parents to stay up-to-date and aware of their student's progress.

What is your best advice to parents to help their child continue to grow academically?

Start reading with your child early, encourage your child to read, and it is equally important to teach your child to advocate for themselves.

If my students learn one thing this year, I hope it is... to love to read, to be a good human, and that I want the best for them all.

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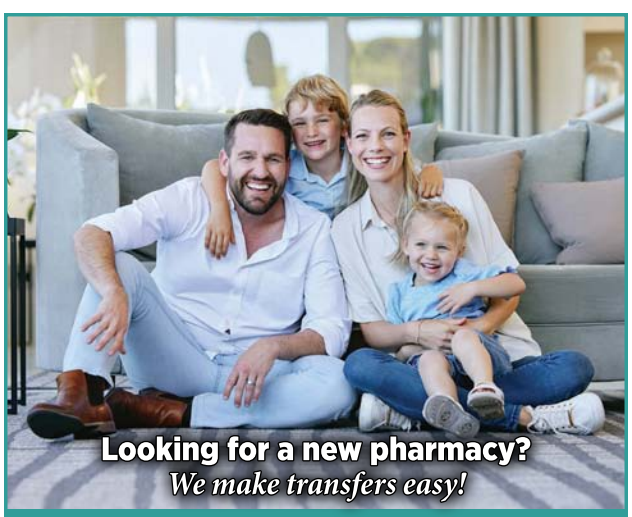

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U.S. Chamber endorses Rep. Tim Walberg for 5th Congressional District

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Representatives from the U.S. and Niles Chamber and Congressman Tim Walberg were on hand at Alro Steel Monday for the announcement.

NILES — The U.S. Chamber of Commerce announced Monday its endorsement of Rep. Tim Walberg to represent Michigan's Fifth Congressional District.

The U.S. Chamber endorses candidates for federal office who will stand up for free enterprise, including by vigorously advocating for public policy solutions that will spur economic growth, support jobs, and promote businesses of all sizes' ability to continue to innovate and invest in America.

"The U.S. Chamber is pleased to announce our endorsement of Representative Tim Walberg in Michigan's 5th Congressional District," said Kevin Courtois, Vice President of the U.S. Chamber's Great Lakes Region. "Representative Walberg has been a champion for Michigan businesses and communities, advancing pro-growth tax and energy policies in Congress, and a leader fostering a regulatory environment that allows Michigan businesses and families to prosper. We are proud to stand with Representative Walberg and look forward to working together in the 119th Congress."

"Tim Walberg is the kind of leader we need in Congress: someone who brings people together and delivers positive results for Michigan families," added Jim Holcomb, President & CEO of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce. "Tim is fighting to strengthen our economy, rein in out of control government spending and ensure the American Dream is still achievable for employers and their employees," continued Holcomb. "The Michigan Chamber supports his bid for re-election because his leadership is what our Country needs during these challenging times."

Representatives from the U.S. and Niles Chamber and Congressman Tim Walberg were on hand at Alro Steel, 1775 Foundation Drive, Niles, for the announcement.

"I'm proud to have earned the endorsement of the U.S. Chamber," Rep. Tim Walberg said. "I will continue working to grow jobs, train a competitive workforce, and encourage economic growth and prosperity. As we look forward, we must all work together to cut harmful taxes and regulations, which limit American ingenuity."

"Congressman Walberg has spent a lot of time getting to know the people and the job providers here in Niles," added Ryan Boeskool, Executive Director of the Greater Niles Chamber of Commerce. "We're grateful to have a strong advocate for Niles in congress."

MDHHS announces Children Trust Michigan grants to help prevent child abuse

COMMUNITY REPORT

LANSING — The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced the Children Trust Michigan's Board of Directors approval of $1.28 million for four Michigan community-based organizations to support child abuse prevention programs and services.

The grants will be funded over a four-year period. Winning grant proposals were selected through a competitive bid process. Strong emphasis was placed on assuring funded initiatives are appropriately integrated into broader community plans for serving children and families.

"MDHHS is fully committed to keeping Michigan kids safe," said Elizabeth Hertel, MDHHS director. "Children Trust Michigan provides critical funding to community-based organizations across Michigan that prevent child abuse and neglect. Their prevention efforts are a key part of MDHHS's Keep Kids Safe Action Agenda."

Children Trust Michigan (CTM) is a nonprofit housed within MDHHS. CTM partners with MDHHS on a variety of initiatives and projects implemented by CTM.

"It is always exciting to award critical funds for the prevention of child abuse and neglect," said Suzanne Greenberg, CTM executive director. "Our prevention team will work closely with our new grantees to build protective factors for children and families that will make safe, healthy and happy childhoods possible for Michigan's children."

The four organizations receiving funding are:

•The Children's Center, Wayne County, $320,000 for expansion of the Family Resource Center to help families meet their basic needs and Parent Cafés.

•Centro Multicultural La Familia Inc., Oakland County, $320,000 for their Opening Doors Program and Parent Cafés.

•Van Buren Intermediate School District, Van Buren County, $320,000 for Parents as Teachers Home Visiting Program.

•YMCA of Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo County, $320,000 for Crisis Nursery, Respite Care for Parenting Persons.

With the newly funded initiatives, combined with other multi-year grant commitments and the statewide network of local councils, CTM distributed more than $2.6 million in FY24 in support of child abuse prevention programming across the 83 counties in Michigan.

Keep Kids Safe Action Agenda

The Keep Kids Safe Action Agenda, announced in 2023, includes more than 20 protocols and policies to improve the safety and well-being of Michigan children. Developed over the course of more than four years, the agenda relies on best practices in child welfare and commits the department to the nation's highest standards. The action agenda highlights the steps MDHHS has taken and will continue to take that can be separated into five categories – prevention, intervention, stability, wellness and workforce.

To learn more about Children Trust Michigan, its efforts to end child abuse and where its programs and services visit ChildrenTrustMichigan.org.

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Opinion

The Most Important Election Ever

RICH CAINS

The first time I voted in a national election was in 1984. I was 18 years old and felt a strong sense of pride in casting my first vote as an adult-ish American. My political knowledge lacked much sense of left vs right, liberal vs conservative, and I was far more consumed with current events including movies like "The Terminator," "Ghostbusters" and "A Nightmare on Elm Street" and songs such as "Jump," "Dancing in the Dark," and "Legs." Even though I had studied government my senior year in high school, I was still oblivious to the picket fence that separated the two major political parties. That picket fence no longer exists today, it is now a 30-foot concrete wall with barbed wire, landmines and a moat providing a grand separation between the two major political parties. Every debate, political talk show and Thanksgiving dinner now begins with the words "choose your weapon." Most of us enjoy a good political discussion amongst friends, family, colleagues and even a few strangers, but those conversations seem to be drifting more toward a ticking time bomb nowadays.

The 1984 election race, of course, included the vibrant incumbent, Ronald Reagan and the stoic statesman Walter Mondale. The real race was the Democratic primary between Mondale, Gary Hart and Jessie Jackson. As I recall, the 1984 presidential election was the most important in history. And then, there was the George H. W. Bush race against Michael Dukakis which was the most important election in history, followed by the Bush and Bill Clinton race which was the most important in history..... do I need to continue? I think it's safe to say the next election will always be the most important no matter who is running.

As I mentioned in a column a few months ago, cable "news" has lent a hand in the polarization of American politics with its biased reporting and now we are doing battle with artificial intelligence (AI) and the fake videos being blasted all over social media. It's almost to the point that we can no longer trust any video we see on our phone or laptop. Images and audio are easily faked, and actual occurrences cannot be confirmed nor denied until well after they have already taken root in thorough discussion and shared through a plethora of social posts. Much of this deceitful activity is homegrown and causes self-inflicted wounds. We also know bad players outside of the United States continue to shower Americans with inaccurate information affecting how we vote and steer our conversations with one another. It's no wonder that polarization exists in our political arena with all the falsehoods competing with our good sense of judgment.

For me, I have tried to incorporate my voting decisions, even more now than ever, through a wide spectrum of media outlets including broadcast TV, public radio and reputable national newspapers. I need to do my due diligence to learn the facts and seek the truth before I vote. Why? Because, after all, this is the most important election ever.

NEWS

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Charles and Jessica Nelson of On Base Productions.

On Base Productions a winner at 19th Annual w3 Awards

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NILES — Multimedia production business On Base Productions has announced it has been recognized as a winner in the prestigious 19th annual w3 Awards.

Celebrating the best in digital content across the globe, the w3 Awards honor excellence in Social Media Marketing and Content, Websites, Online Marketing & Advertising, Mobile Sites and Apps, Online Video, Podcasts, and Emerging Tech.

Each submission was reviewed by the Academy of Interactive and Visual Arts, an exclusive body of industry leaders from renowned companies such as Walt Disney Studios, PepsiCo, Netflix, IBM, Deloitte Digital, and LG, among many others.

On Base Productions earned two prestigious awards for their outstanding video work:

• Gold Award for a video produced for the YMCA of Greater Michiana, showcasing the vibrant activities at their summer camp program at their O'Brien Center location.

• Silver Award for a video about the Cass District Library's Edwardsburg Branch highlighting why one of the frequent patrons, a child named Jasper, loves the library.

The winning videos can be viewed on the On Base Productions Vimeo Channel.

"These awards are not just a reflection of our team's hard work, but also of the incredible organizations we work with." said Charles Nelson, owner of On Base Productions. We are so proud of the videos we've created for the YMCA of Greater Michiana and the Cass District Library in Edwardsburg. These partnerships are a true highlight for us."

Nelson added, "The beauty of accolades like this is not only does it elevate our brand, but it also shines a spotlight on the organizations we serve, especially the non-profits. It's incredibly rewarding to see the impact of our work helping these communities grow and connect with their audiences."

"We are thrilled to see our YMCA O'Brien Center Summer Day Camp video recognized with such high honors," said Morissa Beckman, Director of Marketing for the YMCA of Greater Michiana. "The video perfectly captures the spirit and energy of our summer camp program, and we are so grateful to On Base Productions for their incredible work. It's a great achievement for us, and we look forward to celebrating this recognition together."

"One of our primary missions is to cultivate a community that not only engages with the library but also regards it as a safe haven that promotes personal growth for individuals of all ages." Said Molly Harwood, Marketing and Program Coordinator for the Cass District Library. "And videos like these help us in that regard."

This is the second year in a row On Base Productions has been recognized by the w3 awards.

Niles man gets prison time on multiple charges

By DEBRA HAIGHT
Leader Publications Contributor

NILES — Two area men were sentenced to prison Monday in Berrien County Trial Court at the Niles courthouse.

Swartz

Ryan Eugene Swartz, 50, of Niles, pleaded guilty to use of meth second offense, third degree fleeing and eluding and resisting and obstructing police and was sentenced to concurrent terms of 16 months to two years, 20 months to five years and 16 months to two years in prison. He must pay $338 in fines and costs.

He has credit for no days served as he was on parole at the time of the incident. These concurrent prison terms are consecutive to any prison term he gets for violating his parole from a 2021 possession of meth prison sentence.

The incident occurred July 12 in Niles Township. Swartz led police on a chase into Cass County with several police officers involved. He was found to have a BB gun and knife when he was stopped.

"He ran a stop sign and through a crash scene, Berrien County Assistant Prosecutor Kate Arnold said. "He led police on a 30 minute chase into Cass County with multiple police agencies giving chase. Police discovered the weapons and that he was an absconder from parole when they stopped him. He clearly hasn't learned anything."

Defense attorney Shayne Williams said Swartz has mental health issues and was not taking his medications at the time of the incident. "He's told me that he's looking forward to taking advantage of the prison programs," she said. "He realizes that he's going back to prison and he wants to use that time positively."

Swartz said he took responsibility for his actions. "I know it was reckless, I apologize to the officers," he said.

Berrien County Trial Court Judge Jennifer Smith said that if Swartz had gotten substance abuse treatment in the past but that it hadn't had any effect if he had. "Until you're ready to do that, you will be back," she said. "Now that you recognize you have issues, it's up t o you to do something."

"You put a number of people in danger," she added. "This was not your first go around, you had a fleeing and eluding in 2021 as well."

Lopez

Ernesto Japon Lopez, 68, of Berrien Springs, pleaded guilty to unarmed robbery and was sentenced to 24 months to 15 years in prison with credit for 173 days already served. He must pay $198 in fines and costs as well as $395.41 in restitution. A restitution hearing will be held at a later date for other restitution amounts under dispute.

The incident occurred April 17 in Oronoko Township when he forced an elderly woman to write a check to him. He had initially been charged with armed robbery and felonious assault but those charges were dismissed.

Arnold noted that Lopez had been doing odd jobs in the past for the victim who is 85 and stood over her as she wrote out the check on this occasion. "She was very frightened," Arnold said. "She was injured and she doesn't feel safe in her house now. He threatened to kill her."

Arnold said that police found ammunition and weapons including a machete and knives in their search of Lopez's home.

Defense attorney Carri Briseno noted that Lopez only had one previous arrest and that charge was later dismissed. "He is well educated and been successful," she said. "In retirement, he has done other odd jobs. Unfortunately, he is here before the court. He could benefit from probation."

Judge Smith said she was concerned about Lopez having weapons and threatening the victim to give him money. "She deserves to feel safe in her home, she felt terrorized," the judge said. "She's 85, she deserves to be safe. She was actually physically injured in this incident. This type of crime is very serious."

"The victim testified at the preliminary hearing that you had been doing some jobs for her and that you went to the same church," she said. "She said you came that day saying you needed money. You would come and do jobs she didn't need done and demand payment. She would pay so you would go away. On this day, she decided she wouldn't pay."

"You're 68 and she's 85," the judge added. "It's odd that you would commit this crime out of nowhere. Your wife said you had a brain injury two years ago and it had some effect on your personality ... This was certainly out of the blue. I'm not sure this was a wake up call, but I hope you will take a look at it when you get out of prison."

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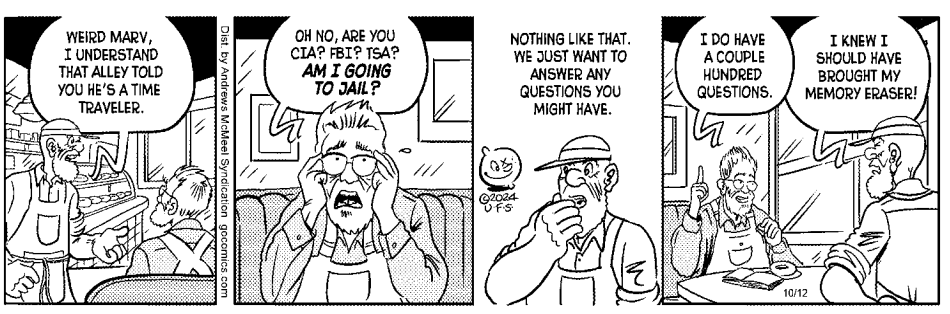
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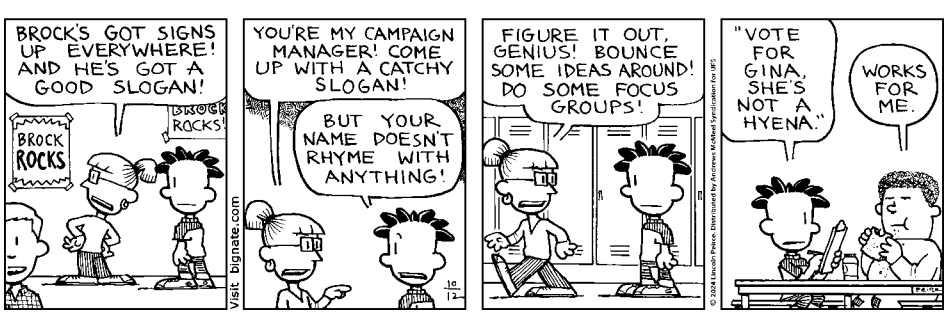
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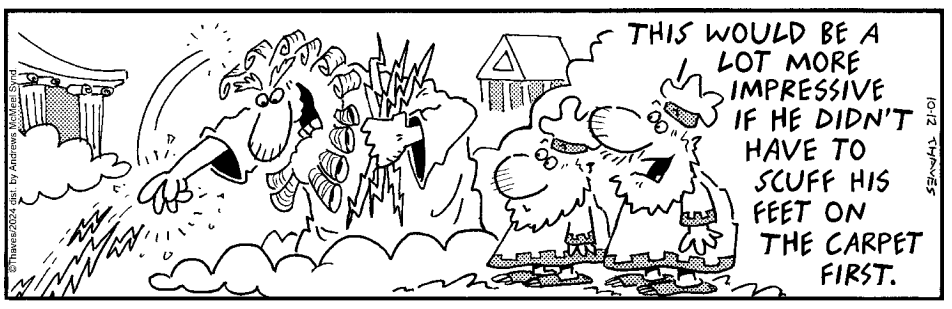
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A LOT DIFFERENT THAN THE FIRST ONE I WENT TO
HOW SO?
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AT THIS ONE, ALL THE MEN LOOKED PREGNANT
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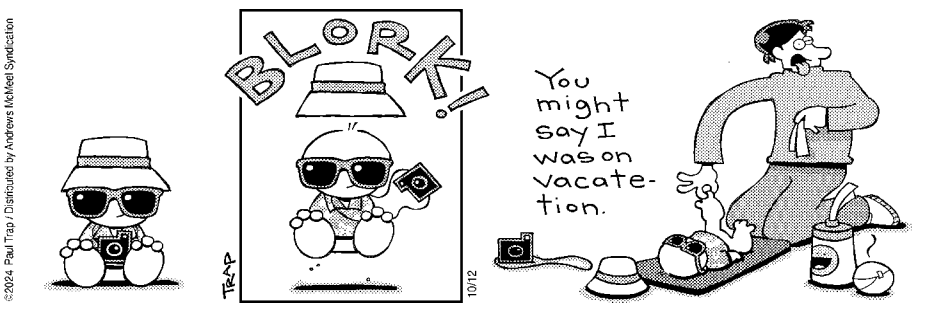

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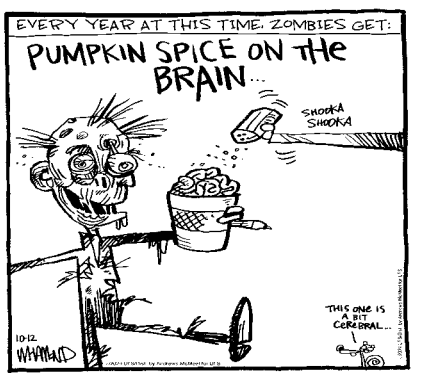

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ANSWER ON PAGE 6

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17 Food fragment
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23 Tune
24 Ump's cry
26 Bee injury
28 Old French coin
29 Candle material
30 Help in wrongdoing
34 Ridge
36 Big bird
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38 Farm animal
40 Twist
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45 Group of musical notes
46 Cowboy hat
50 Alert color
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59 Animal companion

DOWN

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4 Makes music
5 Sugar unit
6 Module
7 Chess piece
8 Demonstrated
9 Convex molding
10 Broadcast
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19 Numbered rd.
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23 Muddle
24 Use needle and thread
25 High card
26 Sugary
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31 Where to buy pies and cakes
32 Before
33 Playing marble
35 Old Russian ruler (var.)
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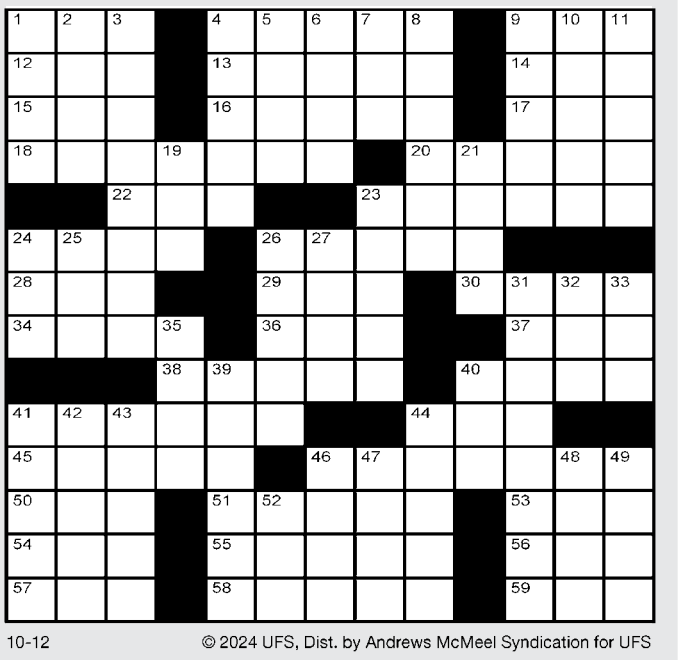

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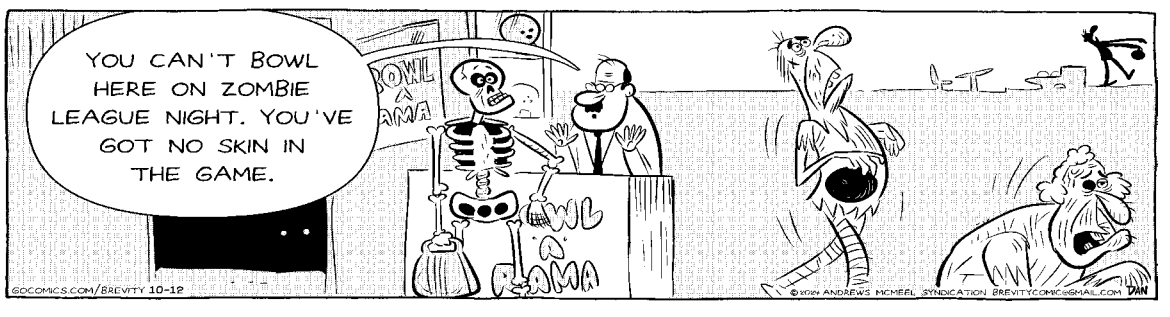
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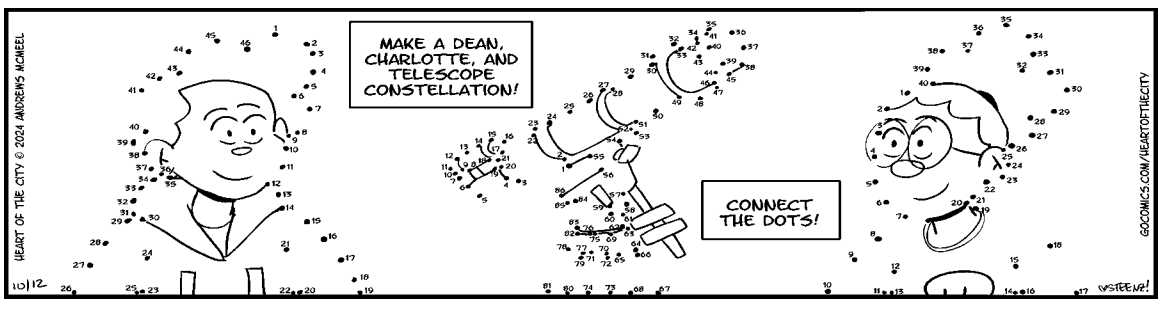
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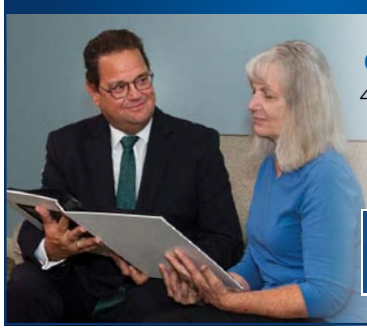
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DEATH NOTICES

Sandra M. Wenze (Clark), age 61 of Aurora, Colorado and formerly of Niles, MI died Sunday, September 22, 2024. A celebration of life will held Monday, October 14, 2024 @ 4pm MT at Crossroads Community Church, 9900 S Twenty Mile Road, Parker, CO 80134. Services will be live streamed (link: https://livestream.com/visit-crossroads/memorial)

Curt Matthew Haman, 66, of Buchanan, MI, passed away on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at The Willows in St. Joseph, MI. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, MI.

Stacey O' Hara, 49, passed away on Thursday, October 3, 2024 in Niles, Michigan. Arrangements have been entrusted to and are pending with Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services.

OBITUARIES

Patricia Purdy

August 8, 1950 - September 4, 2024

Patricia "Patty" Purdy, a beacon of gentle kindness whose smile illuminated the lives of those around her, passed away peacefully on September 12, 2024, in her hometown of Niles, MI, at the age of 74. Born on August 8, 1950, to the late John and Marie Purdy, Patty was a lifelong resident of Niles, where her warm presence became a familiar comfort to her community.

Patty, attended Michigan State University and carried the Spartan spirit throughout her life, demonstrating the same resilience and camaraderie in her personal endeavors. She dedicated many years of service to the hospitality industry, where her radiant smile was the first welcome many received.

In her personal life, Patty's passions were a reflection of her tender nature. An avid bird watcher, she found joy in the simple pleasure of feeding the winged visitors that frequented her garden. Her love for animals was expansive, but it was her cats that held a special place in her heart, each one cherished and adored as a member of her family.

Patty's artistic talents were as diverse as they were impressive. With nimble fingers, and inspiration from social media, she created beautiful works of cross-stitch, crocheting, and various handcrafts that she lovingly shared with friends and family. Patty treasured each opportunity to make people feel like they mattered, due to her caring and positive mentality, which was especially present during the Christmas season towards her cousin's George and Patty's family.

A gentle, loyal, kind, and artistic soul, Patty is survived by her brother, James Purdy, and his wife, Cheryl, who remember her as a kind-hearted sister with a generous spirit. Patty's legacy is one of compassion, a quality that she effortlessly weaved into the tapestry of her life, leaving behind memories etched with her soft-spoken grace. Family was a cornerstone of Patty's life, and she would always make sure everyone was remembered, especially during the holidays.

The absence of Patty's gentle presence will be deeply felt by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her life was a testament to the quiet strength that lies in kindness, and her memory will be cherished as a reminder of the beauty that can be found in life's simplest pleasures.

Those wishing to make a memorial donation have been asked to consider Pet Refuge, 4626 S. Burnett Drive, South Bend, IN 46614.

A memorial service to celebrate Patty's life will take place October 19, 2024 at 11 a.m. with a time of visitation one hour prior at Brown Funeral Home, 521 East Main Street, Niles, Michigan.

Photos, condolences, and memories may be left for Patty's family at www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com

Patty's journey through life was marked by the love she shared and the lives she touched. As we bid farewell to Patricia "Patty" Purdy, we celebrate the enduring light of her spirit that will continue to guide us through our own paths, just as her unwavering kindness has illuminated so many. Patty's story does not end with her passing but lives on in the hearts of those who loved her and in the beauty of the world she so appreciated.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles.

Donald Pye

April 26, 1932 - October 5, 2024

Donald Pye, 92, of Dowagiac, passed away Saturday afternoon, October 5, 2024, at The Timbers of Cass County.

He was born on April 26, 1932, in Mapleton, Maine, the son of the late Thomas and Eva (Judkins) Pye. Don was a veteran of the United States Army serving during the Korean War. On June 7, 1975, Don was united in marriage to the former Reba Sue Kent in Dowagiac.

Don worked for the City of Dowagiac Parks Department for 14 years until his retirement. He enjoyed his retirement by continuing to work park time at Hale's True Value for 12 years. He was an avid Boston Red Sox fan, but the Atlanta Braves came close behind. His hobbies included tinkering and repairing lawn mowers, among many other things. He enjoyed spending time with his chihuahuas and also loved attending his grandchildren's sporting events.

Surviving are seven children - Dawn (Rich Spradley) Rugar, Debra (Allen Prigel) McTeague, David (Kim) Pye, Cindy (Bob) Simmons, Cheri (Jim Smith) Pye, Barry Johnson, Donald Jr (Erica) Pye; fifteen grandchildren - Jessica (Phillip) Gray, Brandon (Lauren) Simmons, Justin (Lauren) Joanis, Mathew (Katie Hendrix) Joanis, Diondra (Ashley) McTeague, Grant Rugar, Alyssa Rugar, Emily Johnson, Taylor Pye, Aaron Pye, Chalee (Dylan) Elmore, Noah Miston, Dave Pye, Hunter Pye and Justice Pye; eighteen great-grandchildren; sister - Betty Erskine; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his wife of 48 years, Reba Pye; two grandsons - Michael Anthony and Alexander McTeague; and four siblings - Thomas Pye, Rowena Whitmyer, Clyde Pye and Ella Grueter.

A service with military honors to celebrate Don's life will be held at 12:00 PM on Saturday, October 19, 2024, at Clark Chapel and Cremation Services - Starks Family Funeral Homes, 405 Center Street, where friends may visit with the family from 10:00 AM until the time of service. Inurnment will follow a funeral luncheon at 3:00 PM in Riverside Cemetery, Dowagiac. Please visit Don's personalized webpage to share a memory or leave condolences to his family at www.clarkch.com.

Donna Sue Horner

December 8 , 1962 - October 6, 2024

Donna Sue Horner, 61, entered into rest with her Savior Jesus Christ on Sunday, October 6, 2024, in Niles, Michigan.

Donna was born on December 8, 1962 in Buchanan, Michigan to the late Clarence Murdock and Evagene (Wilson) Murdock. Left to cherish the memory of Donna is her loving husband, Floyd Horner; children, Ryan (Amanda) Horner and Stephanie (Bill) Matthews; 3 grandchildren, Aiden Deal, Violet Horner, Jonathan Horner and siblings, Richard (Jackie) Murdock, Jeanette (Larry) Housour, and Dorothy (Eric) Axelberg. Donna, a beloved figure in her community, was known for her warmth and her refusal to ever meet a stranger, welcoming all with open arms. A lover of the great outdoors, Donna found peace and happiness in life's simple pleasure - from serene afternoons at the pool or lake to the thrill of riding motorcycles through the countryside. She cherished the time spent with her family above all, especially those precious moments playing cards, spending time with her grandchildren and savoring Jackie's homemade cookies. Reading was another of Donna's passions, a hobby that reflected her love for learning and adventure. She also enjoyed vacationing to Mexico, where the sun and sea seemed to celebrate her zest for life. Donna's radiant smile and indomitable spirit will be deeply missed, but her memory will forever be a guiding light to those she loved. Visitation for Donna will be on Saturday, October 26, 2024 from 10:00am to 10:30am with a Celebration of Life to be held at 10:30am at Faith for Life Church, 1928 E Bertrand Rd. Niles, MI 49120. (The family has asked that due to health issues with Mr. Floyd Horner, please do not attend the service if you are not feeling well, thank you.) In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in honor of Donna may be made out to Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to Brown Funeral Home. Photos, condolences, and memories may be left for Donna's family at www.BrownFuneralHomeNiles.com To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Donna, please visit our floral store.

Rev. Pamela Jean Breakey

March 26, 1946 - October 5, 2024

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the peaceful passing of Pamela Jean Breakey, age 78, after a courageous 20 year journey of living with metastatic breast cancer, on October 5th, 2024 at home in Dowagiac, Michigan. She was born March 26, 1946, to Bethea (Johnston) Breakey and Loyd Breakey in Berkeley, California.

Pamela Breakey is survived by her loving family: husband - Michael Heidenreich, daughter - Kathy (David) Kortering, step-daughters - Carly and Addie Heidenreich, granddaughters - Rylan Miller, and Rachel Kortering, and brother - James Breakey. She was preceded in death by her mother - Bethea Breakey, father - Loyd Breakey and brother - Doug Breakey.

Growing up, Pamela enjoyed being a daddy's girl and the oldest sibling to her two younger brothers, Jim and Doug. Some of her favorite memories included growing up on a farm in Napa, California, and camping with her family. She developed an early love for animals and had pets over her lifetime that included goats, horses, cats, dogs, fish and gerbils. She got her love of travel from her parents, including hiking and camping in State and National Parks, and traveling to other countries.

In school, she was active in 4H, theater, politics, and debate. She earned a National Merit Scholarship while at Cody High School in Wyoming, which brought her to Michigan State University, 1964-1973, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in English and a Master's Degree in Counseling, while raising her daughter, Kathy.

During the 1970s, Pamela was involved in the East Lansing Peace Council and the Muskegon Chapter of the National Organization for Women, including being a board member. There she met like-minded women and men striving for equality for all people. Many of the friendships developed there continued until her passing. She also participated in peaceful demonstrations to pass the Equal Rights Amendment and to impeach Nixon.

Upon earning her Master's degree, the family moved to Muskegon where she was a counselor with Muskegon Community Mental Health for 20 years, before answering her calling to become an Episcopal priest. She attended Seabury Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. While

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CROSSWORD ANSWER
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SUDOKU ANSWER
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Anderson said. "Behind the success of this program are dedicated individuals like Chief Deputy Treasurer Paulette Johnson, Foreclosure Prevention Specialist Traci Haskins, Tax Clerk, Barbara Cherryholmes and Tax Specialist, TiLynne Lee, whose tireless efforts have made a real difference."

She said Johnson and Haskins helped obtain quotes from contractors, drafted work contracts ensured work was completed to high standards and vendors were paid promptly. Cherryholmes and Lee offered support by helping wherever needed.

"Ladies, your dedication, expertise, and unwavering commitment to helping others have truly embodied the spirit of service that makes our county a better place," she said. "On behalf of myself, Cass County, and the residents you've impacted, I want to express my deepest gratitude."

> "The MI-HOPE Program has been a crucial lifeline for many homeowners in Cass County, helping to encourage and facilitate energy-efficiency focused residential housing repairs and upgrades," Anderson said.

Anderson awarded the four with certificates of appreciation, and Commissioner Mary Howie presented them each with an honor coin.

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as a 'teamster' in the army of Napoleon and was at the Battle of Waterloo – and more.

"I knew I had to try to make it," said St. Joseph native and Sister Lakes resident Kevin Van Arkel. "We've done different walking tours around the area and it's kind of neat to see where the money came from, who developed the area and when."

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Union. "Our Pantry PowerUp initiative is a reflection of our deep commitment to stepping up for our communities whenever we're needed. We're truly grateful to have the opportunity to give back in such a meaningful way."

As part of their $30,000 state-wide Pantry PowerUp initiative, Honor Credit Union has donated $2,500 to the Bread of Life pantry in Dowagiac and $2,500 to the Bread of Life pantry in Benton Harbor to help meet the increasing demand for food assistance.

"This donation means so much to us and Bread of Life," said Janie Reifenberg, Honor Credit Union's Community Development Officer, while attending the $2,500 check donation to Bread of Life in Dowagiac. "They do incredible work to ensure that no one goes hungry, and we're honored to help them continue their mission. It's truly rewarding to know that this contribution will have a direct and positive impact on so many local families."

Honor encourages everyone to support local food banks and other community initiatives. Contributions, whether through donations, volunteering, or spreading awareness, all play a crucial role in making a difference.

For more information or to get involved, please contact Honor Credit Union at (800) 442-2800 or visit a member center near you.

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there, she was a chaplain at Rush Hospital in Chicago. Her first clergy job was as an Associate Rector in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at Christ Episcopal Church, North Hills, from January 1997 to March 2000. She moved to Dowagiac, Michigan in 2000 to become the Rector at St.Paul's Episcopal Church.

In 2004, Pamela was diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer. She lived well beyond her initial life expectancy. Pamela lived 18 years before needing any radiation and/or chemotherapy. She was an involved metastatic breast cancer patient advocate as demonstrated by her participation: in a documentary, "The Quiet War," as an interviewee with the New York Times, on a panel at the San Antonio Breast Cancer Symposium, as an application reviewer for the Breast Cancer Research Program for the Department of Defense, and meeting with lobbyists and politicians to get equal and excellent insurance for all breast cancer patients.

At home, Pamela enjoyed family dinners and conversation, cat and dog snuggles, and playing games.

She was married to the love of her life, Michael Heidenreich, for over 22 years. They shared a love of family, animals, political debates, learning, and taking care of each other.

Even in death, Pamela was thinking of helping others as she has donated her body to the University of Michigan School of Medicine for research.

There will be two funeral services. Please join the family for either service. The first service will be held in Dowagiac, Michigan at Clark Chapel – Starks Family Funeral Homes, 405 Center St, on Friday, October 18th with Visitation from 10 AM to 11 AM, and the Service at 11 AM. A second memorial service will be held in Muskegon, Michigan on Friday, November 22nd at St.Gregory's Episcopal Church, 1200 Seminole Rd, with Visitation from 10 AM to 11 AM and a Church Service from 11 AM to 12:15 PM.

In lieu of flowers, it was Pamela's request that donations be made to American Breast Cancer Foundation or Big Lake Humane Society.

The family would like to give gratitude to: Becky at Landmark Health, and CentriCare Home Health & Hospice.

Please visit Pamela's personalized webpage to share a memory or leave condolences to her family at www.clarkch.com.

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We've seen firsthand the terrible effects of breast cancer among members of our own families. That has committed us to raising awareness and money to find a cure for a disease that strikes one in every eight women in our country.

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Ohio man gets prison time in Cassopolis armed robbery

By DEBRA HAIGHT
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CASSOPOLIS — An Ohio man who took part in an armed robbery at a home in Cassopolis four years ago was sentenced to prison Friday, Oct. 4 in Cass County Circuit Court.

James Edward Birtcher III, 23, of Columbus, Ohio, pleaded guilty to armed robbery and was sentenced to six years eight months to 15 years in prison with credit for 78 days served and $548 in fines and costs.

Birtcher

Birtcher is already serving a 25 year prison sentence in Indiana for attempted murder and the new sentence handed down Friday is concurrent with that sentence and can be served in any penal institution.

The incident occurred March 3, 2020 at a home on Day Lake Road near Cassopolis. Birtcher and three others went there to rob a person they knew of money and drugs. When that person wasn't there, they robbed the man's girlfriend and shot and killed her dog. Later that same day, the four were involved in the murder of a man in St. Joseph County, Indiana.

Cass County Prosecutor Victor Fitz spoke of the "really, really bad stuff" that happened that day both in Cass County and in Indiana. He quoted Proverbs and urged Birtcher to reflect on how he wants to live the rest of his life.

Defense attorney Greg Feldman noted that Birtcher realizes the mistakes he's made in his life. "He wrote in his description of the offense that he was young and not in the right frame of mind," Feldman said. "He felt he had nothing to lose when he had everything to lose."

"Often people are angry at society and don't understand what they've done," he added. "I think it holds well for his future that he realizes that he blew that part of his life. He says he wants to get his education and get a job when he gets out, he doesn't want to go back in."

Birtcher, who appeared via Zoom from the Indiana prison where he is serving his sentence, apologized to the victims in the case. "I do have remorse for the crimes that occurred," he said. "I plan to change my life, be rehabilitated and change for the better."

"You're 23 years old, you need to look where you are in life," Cass County Circuit Court Judge Mark Herman said. "Four people are in prison, one man is dead, a dog is dead, all over a few bucks and a little marijuana."

The judge noted that Birtcher has a high school diploma and would be in a so much better position if he had started working rather than pursuing a life of crime.

"If you just spent 15 years working minimum wage, you would have retirement and social security benefits built up and half a million dollars in wages," he said. "That's why I say crime doesn't pay. Think about that the next time you think you'll make a few hundred bucks. If you work and stay out of trouble, you will take a ton more money."

"Think about the things you can do with your life," he added. "You're going to get out, you'll probably be in your 40s and probably have half of your life ahead of you. You can choose to make decisions to move forward with life or revert back to where you are now. You're young, you made a mistake and a bad one. I hope you can move forward."

A Marcellus woman who took meth away from her son and was later arrested by police will have the chance to keep the felony off her record.

Dora Lee Taylor, 58, of Marcellus, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine and was sentenced to 18 months probation, credit for two days served and $2,148 in fines and costs. The charge will be taken off her record if she successfully completes the probation.

Taylor

The incident occurred June 11 in Mason Township. Police stopped her for a loud exhaust and could smell marijuana on and around her. She consented to a search of the car where police found meth, scales and other items including mushrooms.

Taylor said she knows what she did was wrong but she's glad that her son has sobered up and gotten off drugs since the incident.

Fitz quoted an old western that said that "dying ain't much of a living" and said Taylor needs to get hold of her life and make changes. He added that most meth now comes up from Mexico via a "trail of death" where people die, get shot and overdose.

Feldman said that things have changed when it comes to meth, it's not necessarily something cooked back in the woods but something coming from other countries. He called it "scary" how meth is now sometimes laced with other substances and can be deadly.

Judge Herman noted that while this is Taylor's first criminal offense, she has been using marijuana since she was a teen. In this instance, he said it appeared that she had been using mushrooms besides the drugs. "Do you think wasting money on meth and mushrooms makes your life better?" he asked.

"Here you have your first criminal conviction and face up to 10 years in prison," he added. "I don't understand why people your age are using meth, it's not the fountain of youth. People get old a whole lot quicker. I don't understand it, it destroys them physically and financially."

In one last case, a Three Rivers man withdrew his guilty plea to delivery/manufacture of meth last year near Jones and will now face trial.

Glen David Willis, 55, of Three Rivers, had been given a chance to serve his sentence in Adult Treatment Court but his medical condition precluded that from being available. He rejected a plea offer of three years in prison where the guidelines were 72 to 120 months in prison. The trial is expected to start Nov. 19.

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FOOTBALL

Dowagiac earns 63-0 win over Brandywine; game called after halftime

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DOWAGIAC — The Dowagiac football team only needed to play two quarters on Friday to earn a homecoming win against visiting Brandywine.

After the Chieftains jumped out to a 63-0 halftime lead, the short-handed Bobcats chose not to go on with the game. Dowagiac led 35-0 at halftime. The Chieftains' 63 points were their most since the 2017 team defeated Otsego 67-7 and its 63-point win margin was the most since 1999, a 70-0 win over South Bend La Salle.

According to Brandywine head coach Justin Kinzie, the Bobcats had six players leave the game with injuries, including two who were hospitalized. Kinzie said two two-way starters were injured on the first two plays of the game.

"It was a tough night," Kinnzie said. "I'm proud of how many freshmen and sophomores stepped up. But there comes a certain point where you have to look on the field and recognize, we can't continue to safely play this game."

Kaleb Smith, who was crowned homecoming king at halftime, tallied three rushing touchdowns and Isaiah Fitchett was 3 of 4 passing for 53 yards and 3 touchdown passes. Skyler Vincek returned a fumble on the kickoff for a touchdown, Devin Rock scored a touchdown run and Jamal Williams caught a touchdown and had a 52-yard interception return touchdown while LaMone Moore Jr. also found the end zone twice.

"We were not worried about what they did, it was about us," said Dowagiac coach Duane Davis. "I was so proud of them because they kept coming to me and they tapped on their chest 'It's all about us, coach.' They don't care who lines up across from; they have to worry about themselves and the team and we move on."

According to records dating back to 1950, the Chieftains have scored more than 60 points in back-to-back games for the first time since 1990, the year the Chieftains won the Class B state championship. The 1990 Chieftains had a stretch of four straight games of 60-plus points.

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SOCCER

Edwardsburg soccer blanks Niles in district opener

By Scott Hassinger
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EDWARDSBURG — Edwardsburg's dominance on the wings helped the Eddies to a 4-0 shutout win over visiting Niles in Wednesday's Division 2 district boys' soccer quarterfinal.

Edwardsburg (11-4-3) will host St. Joseph, a 1-0 winner over Vicksburg, in one semifinal on Monday. The other semifinal pits Sturgis against the winner of today's matchup between Paw Paw and Stevensville-Lakeshore. Semifinals winners meet in the finals on Thursday, Oct. 17.

"Niles is a very competitive team and we knew they were going to give us fits in areas of pressure. We had a great game plan coming in and we executed it very well. There were a few moments where their pressure made us lose track where the ball was at, but I think we handled it well. We managed to battle through the moments when we took a play off. That kind of effort leads to goals and it worked out for us today," said Edwardsburg head coach Sean Jesse.

The Eddies found the back of the net twice to secure themselves a 2-0 advantage after one half.

Junior Mobias Stubblefield recorded an unassisted goal to put Edwardsburg up 1-0 at the 31:22 mark. The second Eddies' goal came at 17:19 from junior Maverick Gates off an assist from senior Lenoxx Myers.

Freshman Collin Teft (15:58) and sophomore Zach Jacobs (1:47) both added unassisted goals for Edwardsburg during the second half.

Niles' only real scoring opportunity on the night came with just 5:24 left in the opening half off a free kick by Ceon Kirtdoll.

Edwardsburg had 13 shots on goal to three for Niles. The Eddies finished the match with seven corner kicks.

"Our wing play has helped make us a dangerous team. I thought Collin Myers and Lennox Myers both had a fantastic day and our center back Austin Leak helped keep us calm. I thought our midfielder Landon Goetz did a super job of holding and distributing the ball," Jesse added.

"We believe in getting one percent better every day. I think we matchup well with anyone in this district. We just have to keep pushing and not take anything for granted."

Freshman goalie Law Gates recorded the shutout for Edwardsburg and he registered three saves.

"Law is always communicating in the back and we get value from that. He stands up in those big moments like the free kick by Niles that he was able to push wide tonight," Jesse said.

While Niles head coach Scott Riggenbach was disappointed to see the season end, he is very optimistic about the Vikings' future.

Niles will graduate 11 seniors, but will return seven sophomores and seven juniors next fall.

"Edwardsburg is a very skilled team that can work the ball very well. I thought, however, that our kids played with a great deal of intensity. We have a lot of kids who have heart and its just a matter of building our skill set. We got a lot of young kids into the match today and it was gratifying to see them all keep fighting," said Riggenbach, whose Vikings end the season 9-10-1.

"Our seniors Owen Podlin, Aydan McCarey and Peyton Burger have

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Gavyn Luke (2) from Niles tries to gain control of the ball while Jonathan Pepper (21) of Edwardsburg defends.

FOOTBALL

CASSOPOLIS
CANCELS LAST TWO GAMES OF FOOTBALL SEASON

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The district has scheduled a special event at 7 p.m. Friday at William F. Scott Field to honor its senior band members, football players and Senior cheerleaders for their dedication, hard work, and school spirit throughout the years. Admission is free and the band will perform its 2024 fall show.

CASSOPOLIS – Cassopolis Public Schools has canceled its remaining varsity football games for the season, the district announced Thursday.

"After careful consideration and thorough discussions with coaches and school administrators, I regret to inform you that we have made the difficult decision to cancel the remainder of this year's varsity football season," stated CPS High School Principal and Athletic Director Lindsay Gorham-Pflug in a news release. "This decision was not made lightly, and we understand the disappointment it brings to our athletes, their families, and the community. However, the health, safety, and well-being of our students remain our top priority. Recent circumstances, including numerous injuries, have made it clear that continuing the season would pose unnecessary risks to our athletes."

The Rangers were 0-5 on the season before earning a 27-24 win against Comstock last week. The Rangers were scheduled to face Decatur this week and Dowagiac Friday, Oct. 25.

"We are immensely proud of the hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship our players have shown. throughout the season," Gorham-Pflug stated. "Their commitment to the team and each other has been nothing short of inspiring. and we will continue to support them in every way possible."

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"We appreciate your understanding, patience, and continued support during this time," Gorham-Pflug stated. "If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. Our priority is to provide clear communication and ensure that our students feel supported as we navigate this together."

"Thank you for being such a vital part of our school community."

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FOOTBALL

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Buchanan falls to Berrien Springs 31-6

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BUCHANAN — The Buchanan football team fell to Berrien Springs 31-6 Friday in Lakeland Conference action.

Trailing 3-0 at halftime, the Bucks responded in the third quarter with a 13-yard Brody Reed touchdown run to go up 6-3. The Shamrocks bounced back, scoring 28 unanswered points to seal the victory.

Buchanan quarterback Lucas Zeiger completed 6 of 18 passes for 50 yards and an interception and Gabe Tompkins had 11 carries for 35 yards. Darius Williams had two catches for 31 yards. On defense, Tyler Baker had nine tackles and Jameson Pleasant had eight.

"Our guys fought hard all night and were in a much closer game than the score shows," said Buchanan coach Mark Frey. "Berrien is a strong team and unfortunately we didn't play a penalty free game and we physically struggled by the end. However there were many bright spots on the night and we can use those to get focused on the last three weeks of the regular season."

FOOTBALL

Niles football downs Vicksburg 49-7

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VICKSBURG — The Niles football team took care of business on the road Friday against Vicksburg.

The Vikings scored 49 unanswered points on their way to a 49-7 Wolverine Conference victory. Niles outgained Vicksburg 365-164 in total yards, including a 341-56 advantage in rushing yards. Peyton Gordon had five carries for 117 yards and three touchdowns and Paul Hess had 14 carries for 119 yards and two touchdowns while Guy Torres added a 4-yard touchdown run. Sam Rucker had 31 rushing yards and a 64-yard punt return touchdown and Brenden Olsen added a 23-yard catch. Talen Bennett completed 2 of 4 passes for 24 yards and an interception.

On defense, Ward Cheney led the team with seven tackles and Jaden Ivery added six while Hess and Sam Rucker each tallied a sack.

The Vikings (5-1) are on the road next week Friday against rival Edwardsburg.

VOLLEYBALL

SMC volleyball Sweeps Marian Ancilla

COMMUNITY REPORT

DOWAGIAC — SMC Volleyball returned to the 1st Source Bank Fieldhouse and to their winning ways on Tuesday with a sweep of the visiting Marian Ancilla Chargers in a total team effort 25-21, 25-15, and 25-20.

"We had a great practice yesterday, and the team knows the importance of putting all of our focus only on the match in front of us, and we did exactly that tonight," said Head Coach Jenny Nate. "We were also able to achieve the sweep with our entire team playing except for our current injured players. Our goal is balanced scoring and a multitude of offensive shots. I was really pleased with that tonight as well as playing much cleaner ball and having fewer errors. This was a great win, but we will be studying film late tonight and back to work tomorrow in the gym preparing to take on Lansing Thursday."

The team also honored sophomore Cadence Knight, who crossed the 1,000 career digs mark over the weekend in Grand Rapids. Knight is the SMC career digs leader – she had 548 digs her freshman year and 495 so far this year for a total of 1,033 digs coming into tonight's match...and will add to that for the rest of the season.

The Roadrunners are now 16-9 overall and 5-2 in the MCCAA Western Conference, currently holding sole possession of second place.

Leading serving scorers: Josie West 9 points, 1 ace; Cadence Knight 8 points; Talan Hiemstra 7 points, 2 aces; Carlie Ritchie 6 points; Ryli Burks 6 points, 2 aces; Anna Johnson 3 points, 1 ace; Reese Maas 3 points, 1 ace; Bri Russell 2 points; Gia Jania 1 poin

Kills: Kallie Solloway 12, Abi Marquis 10, Gia Jania 7, Talan Hiemstra 5, Josie West 4, Reese Maas 4

Blocks: Abi Marquis 3, Gia Jania 2, Talan Hiemstra 2, Ryli Burks 1, Josie West 1

Digs: Cadence Knight 16, Ryli Burks 10, Josie West 8, Talan Hiemstra 4, Anna Johnson 4, Amanda Jones 3, Kallie Solloway 3

Assists: Ryli Burks 17, Anna Johnson 11, Cadence Knight 5, Reese Maas 4

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BASKETBALL

Times, Networks Released For Games Against Purdue, USC

COMMUNITY REPORT

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — With less than a month to go until Notre Dame women's basketball tips off, the times have been confirmed for a pair of Big Ten clashes, including a likely top-10 showdown.

Notre Dame's first away game of the season against Purdue will air on FS1 at 7 p.m.

The Irish faced the Boilermakers last season and won 76-39 behind Hannah Hidalgo's 23 points, 10 rebounds, 8 assists and 7 steals plus Maddy Westbeld's 15 points and 12 boards. It was the first time Purdue was held under 40 points since 2018.

The Boilermakers lost their leading scorers Abbey Ellis and Caitlyn Harper this offseason and will look to rising sophomore and South Bend native Rashunda Jones to build on a freshman season after which she was named to the Big Ten All-Freshman Team. Also a rising sophomore, Sophie Swanson returns after averaging 7.1 points in just 12.6 minutes per game last year.

The Irish will play USC on NBC at 4 p.m. ET. The matchup will lead into Notre Dame football's primetime matchup against Army at Yankee Stadium.

The two annual football foes have not played on the basketball court since 2011, but there are numerous connections between these rosters. The matchup will pit last year's rookie phenoms against each other in Notre Dame's Hannah Hidalgo and USC's JuJu Watkins. Hidalgo ranked sixth nationally with 22.6 points per game (which was also the Notre Dame program record) and led the nation with 4.6 steals per contest, while Watkins was second in scoring with 27.1 points per game.

Both programs also added notable, high-level transfers this offseason. Notre Dame welcomed All-ACC forward Liatu King and All-BIG EAST forward Liza Karlen. King played at Pittsburgh for her first four years, while Karlen was at Marquette. USC added both Kiki Iriafen and Talia von Oelhoffen from Stanford and Oregon State, respectively. Iriafen was the Pac-12's Most Improved Player last season, and both players were on the All-Pac 12 Team.

Also of note, Notre Dame freshman Kate Koval will get to see her high school teammate and fellow rookie Kayleigh Heckel in Los Angeles. They were both McDonald's All-Americans last season and five-star recruits according to the 2024 ESPN HoopGurlz Recruiting Rankings.

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Davis was proud of his team's performance from the top-down but said that freshman nose guard Khalif Renya's performance stood out.

"We just brought him up this week and he took care of the center of the field for us," Davis said. "Their running back's good – I've seen them for three years. Sobecki, that kid is legit and he did a good job against him and I was proud of him. The freshman kid stepping up was big."

As for the Brandywine, the 0-6 Bobcats are hoping to be able to play against Benton Harbor next week. The Tigers are 0-6 on the season.

"We might have to convert some guys to other positions but obviously we couldn't do that mid-game," Kinzie said.

The Chieftains are 5-1 for the first time since 2013 and hope to lock up a postseason berth next week against Berrien Springs. The Shamrocks defeated Buchanan 31-6 in their quest for a Lakeland Conference title.

"That's a tough team we're going against, I'm not going to sugarcoat it," Davis said. "But we're gonna get back to work Sunday, early and go right to the weight room and watch film and get going. That's our goal right now is next week. We're 1-0 and moving on. That's all it is."

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Niles goal keeper Josue Gonzalez makes a save in the first half against Edwardsburg.

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all been starters since they were sophomores. They have been anchors for us. We're going to miss all of our seniors because they worked very hard and kept improving."

Riggenbach also complimented the play of his junior goalkeeper Josue Gonzalez who had three saves.

"This is Josue's first year as a varsity keeper. He's still a work in progress, but he returns next year for us and we will look to him to be a big leader," Riggenbach said.

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NOTICE INVITING SEALED BIDS
2024 PAVING PLAN

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICES, CITY OF DOWAGIAC, MICHIGAN. Sealed bids will be received by the City of Dowagiac Clerk's Office, 241 S Front St. Dowagiac, MI 49047, until 12:00 pm, Noon, Monday, October 28th, 2024 Deadline, and then publicly opened for the CITY MANAGER, CITY OF DOWAGIAC, MICHIGAN, scheduled for 2:00 pm, Monday, October 28th, 2024, unless otherwise posted. Bids received after the Deadline to be returned unopened. After bid opening, the City manager will take all bids under advisement and refer them to Engineer for review & tabulation.
To access downloadable Contract Documents and Drawings, go to the City of Dowagiac's website at (https://www.cityofdowagiac.com/government/public_services/current_projects.php). There is no charge for these downloadable documents. The documents are also available for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office during normal weekday business hours.
Neither the City of Dowagiac nor Engineer will be responsible for partial sets of documents obtained from any other source. All questions regarding the project shall be submitted by email to Engineer. No questions will be answered over the phone. The deadline for the submittal of Bidder questions to be considered for possible addendum is 12:00 pm, Noon, on Friday, October 18th, 2024 with final Sealed Bid Addenda issued, if necessary, by Engineer by 5:00 pm, Friday, October 18th, 2024. Questions shall be submitted to: Jones Petrie Rafinski Corp., Attn: Michael D. Voll, PE at mvoll@jpr1source.com.
2024 PAVING PLAN includes: Roadway rehabilitation and curb ramp reconstruction along Lester Avenue from Division Street to Bishop Street and Dewey Street from Lester Avenue to Lyle Avenue.
Work to be performed and the bid to be submitted shall include sufficient and proper sums for all general construction, mechanical installation, labor, materials, permits, licenses, insurance, and so forth incidental to and required for the construction of the work. The Contractor shall submit an itemized bid for approximate quantities and components of labor and materials to complete the contract. Bid shall be upon standard bid form used by the City, and said sheet must contain an authorized signature of the Contractor, or the bid of the Contractor may, at the discretion of the City, be rejected and declared invalid. Bids shall be included in a sealed envelope, bearing the title of the work, name, and address of bidder.
Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check or acceptable bid bond made payable to the City Treasurer in a sum of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, which check or bond will be held by the City as evidence that the bidder will, if awarded the contract, enter into the same with the City upon notification for it to do so within ten (10) days of said notification.
A conditional or qualified Bid will not be accepted. The City will award the contract for the work to the lowest "responsive" and "responsible" bidder. The City reserves the right to reject any bid, or all bids, or to accept any bid or bids, or make such combination of bids as may seem desirable, and to waive any and all informalities in bidding. Any bid may be withdrawn prior to the above scheduled time for the opening of bids or authorized postponement thereof. Any bid received after the time and date specified may be rejected. No bids may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least ninety (90) days.
The Owner reserves the right to reduce project scope to meet any budget limitations if any were to arise.
All applicable laws, ordinances, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over construction shall apply to the Project throughout.
Each Bidder is responsible for inspecting the work site(s) and for reading and being thoroughly familiar with the Contract Documents and Drawings. Failure or omission of any bidder to do any of the foregoing shall in no way relieve any Bidder from any obligation with respect to its Bid.
The City is exempt from all federal, state, and local taxes, and will not be responsible for any taxes levied on the Bidders as a result of any contract award.
City of Dowagiac
Kevin Anderson, City Manager

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACURACY TEST
SILVER CREEK TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN

Notice of Public Accuracy Test of Voting Equipment

Important Message from the Silver Creek Clerk's Office:
To the qualified electors of the Silver Creek Township, Cass County, State of Michigan will be conducting a Public Accuracy Test for the electronic equipment that will be used to tabulate the votes in Precincts 1. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate the computer programming used to tabulate the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of Michigan Election Law.
The meeting is being held on Thursday, October 17th, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.
All members of the public are invited to participate.
For special accommodations, please call the Clerk's office at 269-424-3025x4 to make arrangements.

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ACCURACY TEST

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF DOWAGIAC

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Test for the November 5, 2024 General Election has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m., October 17, 2024 In the Dowagiac City Hall located at 241 S. Front Street, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
The Public Accuracy Test in conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer that will be used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law.

Patty Patano, City Clerk

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ACCURACY TEST

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024
WAYNE TOWNSHIP
CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WAYNE TOWNSHIP: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of Wayne Township who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the Township Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office; or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Township Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.
The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, October 21, 2024.**
After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.497) at the Township Clerk's office, lo-

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cated at and during the following times:
Wayne Township
53950 Glenwood Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047
(269) 782-7017
Wednesdays 1:00-4:00 pm
Sat, November 2nd
9:00 am-5:00 pm
By appointment
And Election Day, Tuesday, November 5th from 7:00 am-8:00 pm at the Wayne Township Clerk's Office.
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Wayne Township electors will be voting on the following offices:
U.S. President, U.S. Senator, Representative in Congress, Representative in State Legislature, State Board of Education Members, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University, County Offices: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk & Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Drain Commissioner, Surveyor, County Commissioner, Township Offices: Supervisor, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustee, Nonpartisan Judicial: State Justice of Supreme Court (partial term), State Justice of Supreme Court (full term), Judge of Court of Appeals, Judge of Probate Court, Board of Trustees Member Southwestern Michigan College, Local School Board Members for Cassopolis, Decatur, Dowagiac, and Marcellus School Districts.
A sample ballot may be viewed at mi.gov/vote.
ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR ALL ELECTIONS; REGISTERED VOTERS MAY CONTACT THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO OBTAIN AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT BY CALLING THE TOWNSHIP OFFICES.
TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF WAYNE TOWNSHIP, CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN:
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Accuracy Test for the November 5, 2024, General Election will be conducted for the above Township on the following dates and locations:
Wayne Township
Wayne Township hall
53950 Glenwood Rd.
Dowagiac, MI 49047
October 15, 2024 at 1:00 pm
The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the program and computer used to tabulate the results of the November 5, 2024 General Election have been prepared in accordance with the law.
Persons with disabilities needing accommodation should contact the clerk's office.
Wayne Township Clerk
(269) 782-7017

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GENERAL ELECTION

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD NOVEMBER 5, 2024 DOWAGIAC, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF DOWAGIAC:

You are hereby notified to register to vote or to change your address for the November 5, 2024, Election.

To register, visit any Secretary of State Office, the Cass County Clerk's Office or your City Clerk's Office at City Hall. Electors who wish to register with the City Clerk may do so: Wednesdays 1:00 to 3:00 pm and Thursdays 1:00 to 3:00 pm

The Ballot features:
•Presidential/Vice Presidential candidates
•Congressional candidates: US Senator, Representative 5th District
•Legislative: Representative 37th District
• County: Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk & Register of Deeds, Treasurer, Drain
•Commissioner, Surveyor, County Commissioner 2 nd District
•State Boards: Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan
•State University, Governor of Wayne State University
•Community College: Board of Trustees Member
•Local School District: Board member

You may register to vote at the following location: Dowagiac City Hall, 241 South Front Street; Dowagiac, MI 49047

By: Patty Patano, City Clerk, (269) 783-2502

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REGISTRATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT ROLL FOR THE OWNERS OF LAND WITHIN SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 98-1 TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF WAYNE TOWNSHIP, CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND TO ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Supervisor and the assessing officer for the Township has reported to the Township Board and filed in the office of the Township Clerk, a special assessment roll prepared by him covering all properties within the "Wayne Township Ambulance Service Special Assessment District No. 98-1" benefiting from ambulance service. Said assessment roll has been prepared for the purpose of assessing a portion of the costs of ambulance service and other costs incidental thereto within the aforesaid Special Assessment District, which district includes the entire township.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the assessing officer has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district. Said assessment is estimated to be not more than $85.00 per occupied parcel for assessment in 2024.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Township Hall at 53950 Glenwood Road, Dowagiac, Michigan, on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 7:30 P.M. for the purpose of reviewing said Special Assessment District Roll, hearing any objections thereto and thereafter confirming said District Roll as submitted or revised or amended. Residents may obtain a copy of, or review the roll by contacting the Township Clerk at 782-7017 or at waynetownshipclerk@gmail.com and may further examine said roll at said hearing.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that appearance and protest at this hearing is required in order to appeal the amount of the Special Assessment to the State Tax Tribunal. An owner, or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest the Special Assessment, or may file a letter of protest at or before the hearing, and in that event, personal appearance shall not be required. The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in person or in writing at the hearing may file a written appeal of the Special Assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after the confirmation of the Special Assessment Roll.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that after the public hearing is closed, the Township Board may confirm the roll as submitted or as revised or amended; may provide for payment of special assessments; and may provide by resolution for any and all such other matters as are permitted by law with regard to Special Assessments for ambulance services.
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Wayne Township will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing for individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Clerk at the address or telephone number listed below.

WAYNE TOWNSHIP
Kurt Reich, Clerk
P.O. Box 304
Dowagiac MI 49047-0304
phone: 269-782-7017
waynetownshipclerk@gmail.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The LaSalle Council BSA intends to solicit assistance from the Department of Defense's Innovative Readiness Training Program (IRT). The assistance will include construction of driveways, minor drainage system improvements, underground water-electric-data piping, shooting sports ranges improvements, tree tops cleanup, site clearing-grading for Maintenance Garage-Storage building, landscape block retaining wall, and campsite latrines at Camp Tamarack, Jones, Michigan. The proposed assistance will take place at Camp Tamarack at various times from October 2024 through September 2027. Construction contractors, labor unions, or private individuals who have questions or who wish to voice opposition to military assistance for this project may contact John Cary, Scout Executive from the LaSalle Council BSA at (574) 289-0337 or via email at john.cary@scouting.org no later than thirty (30) days after the first publication of this notice.
Persons not filing comments within the time frame noted will be considered to have waived their objections to military assistance for this project.

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REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE

CALVIN TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF CASS, MICHIGAN 18693 Mt. Zion St, Cassopolis, MI 49031

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND FILING OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL TO REPAIR AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC ROADS AND BRIDGES SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Calvin Township Board, Cass County, Michigan, has determined to undertake the construction, improvement, and maintenance of public roads and bridges within the Township ("the Improvements"), located within a special assessment district tentatively designated as the Public Road and Bridge Improvements Special Assessment District 2024 (the "District"), pursuant to Act 188 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1954, as amended.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
The Township Board has tentatively determined that all or part of the cost of said Improvements will be specially assessed against each of the following described lots and parcels, which parcels are benefited by the Improvements and which together comprise the following proposed special assessment district:
All improved or vacant buildable residential parcels (including all residential units), all improved or vacant buildable commercial parcels, all improved or vacant buildable industrial parcels, and all agricultural parcels within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Township, except for any unit or parcel that is exempt by law from paying special assessments.
TAKE NOTICE the Township Supervisor of Calvin Township has made a special assessment roll for the District, which roll sets forth the relative portion of the cost of the Improvements which is to be levied in the form of a special assessment, against each benefited lot and parcel of land in the special assessment district, at the first public hearing held on September 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board of Calvin will hold a second public hearing on October 22, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Calvin Township Hall to:
1. Certify above roll;
2. Review and approve the costs and estimates of repairs/maintenance;
3. Review and approve the $75.00/parcel assessment.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that preliminary plans and estimates of cost for the improvements are on file with the Township Clerk for public examination.
THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATE OF COST WILL NOT BE INCREASED BY MORE THAN 10% WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE AND PUBLIC HEARING.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the special assessment roll as prepared has been reported to the Township Board and is on file with the Township Clerk at the Township Hall for public examination.
TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT AN OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST IN A LOT OR PARCEL OF LAND SUBJECT TO A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT MAY FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WITH THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION OF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, BUT ONLY IF THE OWNER OR PARTY IN INTEREST APPEARS AND PROTESTS THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT AT THIS HEARING. An appearance may be made by an owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, in person or, in the alternative, an appearance or protest can be filed with the Township by letter prior to the hearing, in which case a personal appearance at the hearing is not required.

This Notice was authorized by the Calvin Township Board,
-Michelle Anderson
Calvin Township Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

LAGRANGE TOWNSHP CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS PUBLIC HEARING

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF LAGRANGE TOWNSHIP, CASS COUNTY, MICHIGAN,
AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the LaGrange Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a special meeting, including public hearing, on October 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the LaGrange Township Hall located at 58253 M 62 Hwy, Cass County, Michigan, regarding the following item:
1. A public hearing on the Variance Request of John F Harrington Trust, 61963 Lake Street, Cassopolis, MI 49031 to allow an addition onto a primary dwelling on land zoned Lakefront Residential (R-3), brief legal description of 422-1151 822 LOT 4. ALSO N 1.8 FT OF LOT 3. SUPERVISOR'S PLAT OF DIAMOND COVE. Applicant requests a Dimensional Variance to allow an addition, 78 feet long by 20 feet in width, ground to peak height of 23 feet. This addition is requested to be built contrary to Section 8.04 B. Minimum Yard Requirements, 2. Side Yard – Any and all lots in the R-3 zoning district shall have a total of twenty (20) feet in combined side yard depth. No side yard shall be less than five (5) feet in depth. The addition is proposed to be located zero (0) inches from the right, north side, property line.
Written comments will be received concerning the above matters by the LaGrange Township Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary via first class mail to PO Box 222, Cassopolis, MI 49031 or by email at zoningadmin@zoningsolutions.net and may further be submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals at the meeting.
The application for the Variance and the LaGrange Township Zoning Ordinance may be examined by contacting the LaGrange Township Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary via first class mail to PO Box 222, Cassopolis, MI 49031 or by email at zoningadmin@zoningsolutions.net after publication of this Notice and may also be examined at the meeting. All interested persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place.
LaGrange Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon receipt of notice at least five (5) days prior to the public hearing.
Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Clerk.
By: James Beebe, Chair
Beth Pompey LaGrange Township Zoning Board of Appeals
LaGrange Township Zoning Administrator PO Box 222
Cassopolis, MI 49031
(269) 535-7463

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on October 23, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Nancy L. Diamond
Original Mortgagee: Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PHH Mortgage Corporation
Date of Mortgage: November 18, 2004
Date of Mortgage Recording: November 24, 2004
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $166,992.74
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Silver Creek, Cass County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point on the East line of Section 36, Town 5 South, Range 16 West, 50 rods South of the Northeast corner of said Section thence West 13.33 rods; thence North 6 rods, thence East 13.33 rods; thence South 6 rods to beginning.
Common street address (if any): 55132 M 51 N, Dowagiac, MI 49047-9664
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: September 21, 2024
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145 Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1540428
(09-21)(10-12)

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE COUNTY OF CASS NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S TRUST ESTATE CASE NO. 2024-216-DE

Estate of Charles Wayne Potter, Deceased
Date of birth February 26,1952

TO ALL CREDITORS:***
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Charles Wayne Potter, died April 21, 2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert J. Dutka, personal representative, or to both the probate court of 60296 M-62, Suite 10, Cassopolis, MI 49031 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

October 8, 2024

Robert J. Dutka
57635 North Main St., P.O. Box 461 Three Rivers, ML 49093
(269) 273-8402

Robert J. Dutka (P2776)
57635 North Main St., P.O. Box 461 Three Rivers, ML 49093
(269) 273-8402

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EST/POTTER, C.

Do you have available jobs?

Call 269-591-6105 to let others know about job opportunities at your business.

PUBLIC NOTICE

If you or someone you know worked at Consolidated Die Cast in Dowagiac, MI during 1974, please call Betsy at Simmons Hanly Conroy toll-free at (855) 988-2537. You may also email Betsy at bwilliams@simmonsfirm.com.

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on OCTOBER 23, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.
Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Katherine L. Turpin and Timothy C. Hyser, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Ruoff Mortgage Company, Inc., its successors and assigns, Mortgagee, dated February 21, 2023 and recorded February 27, 2023 in Liber 1229, Page 1058 Cass County Records, Michigan. Said Mortgage is now held by Ruoff Mortgage Company, Inc. by Assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Two Hundred Ten and 3/100 Dollars ($230,210.03).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Cass County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on OCTOBER 23, 2024.
Said premises are located in the Township of Pokagon, Cass County Michigan, and are described as:
Beginning at a point on the centerline of Michigan State Trunkline Highway M-40 which is 1052.00 feet Northeasterly from the intersection of the centerline of said highway with the East and West Quarter line of Section 15, Town 6 South, Range 16 West; thence Northeasterly along the centerline of said highway, 200.00 feet; thence Southeasterly at right angles to the centerline of said highway, 407.20 feet; thence Southwesterly parallel with the centerline of said highway, 200.00 feet; thence Northwesterly to the point of beginning.
58329 M 51 S, Dowagiac, Michigan 49047
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: September 21, 2024
File No. 24-006514
Firm Name: Orlans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(09-21)(10-12)

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT CASS COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS DECEDENT'S ESTATE CASE NO. and JUDGE 2024-211-DE

Estate of James R. Whitcraft, Jr.
Date of birth: 01/27/1947
TO ALL CREDITORS:*
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, James R. Whitcraft,. Jr., died 04/05/24. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Nicki Rose Warner Wilson & April Allen, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 60296 M-62, Suite 10, Cassopolis, MI 49031 and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
10/08/2024

Nicki Rose Warner Wilson
1060 N. Prairiewood Dr.
Rochester, IN 46975
574-835-8808

April Allen
4590 W. 100 N.
Shelbyville, IN 46176
574-202-7626

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300 Riverwalk Drive, Elkhart, IN 46516, 574-294-1499

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EST/WHITCRAFT, J.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on October 23, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Scott Darasko, single man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): PennyMac Loan Services LLC
Date of Mortgage: March 26, 2021
Date of Mortgage Recording: March 30, 2021
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $120,231.01
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Jefferson, Cass County, Michigan, and described as: Commencing at a point North 69 degrees East 603.43 feet from a point on the Section line of Section 5, Town 7 South, Range 15 West, and South 0 degrees 30 minutes East 102.2 feet from the 1/8 corner of the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4, thence North 69 degrees East 260 feet, thence North 21 degrees West 194.4 feet, thence South 69 degrees West 260 feet, thence South 21 degrees East 194.4 feet to the place of beginning. Also, the Right of Ingress and Egress over the following described property: Commencing at a point of the West line of said Section 5, a distance of 70.11 feet North from the East corner North of the Southwest corner of said Section 5; thence North 69 degrees 00 minutes East along the centerline of a 66.00 foot Right of way 371.51 feet; thence South 21 degrees 00 East on the centerline of a 33.00 foot driveway 86.4 feet; thence North 69 degrees 00 minutes East on the centerline of a 25.00 foot driveway 971.50 feet to the point of ending.
Common street address (if any): 63695 White St, Cassopolis, MI 49031-9656
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: September 21, 2024
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
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(09-21)(10-12)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM, on October 30, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:
Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Nathan A. Grenert, a married man
Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns
Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation
Date of Mortgage: September 29, 2017
Date of Mortgage Recording: October 9, 2017
Amount claimed due on date of notice: $109,927.09
Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in Township of Howard, Cass County, Michigan, and described as: Part of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 30, Town 7 South, Range 16 West, described as: beginning at a point on the North and South Quarter line of Section 30, South 0 degrees 21 minutes 00 seconds East, 2419.24 feet from the North Quarter corner thereof; thence north 89 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds East, 390.00 feet; thence South 0 degrees 21 minutes 00 seconds East, 225.00 feet

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to the East and West quarter line; thence South 89 degrees 48 minutes 30 seconds West along said Quarter line. 390.00 feet to the center of said Section 30; thence North 0 degrees 21 minutes 00 seconds West along the North and South Quarter line, 225.00 feet to the point of beginning.
Common street address (if any): 1101 Carberry Rd, Niles, MI 49120-3900
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
This notice is from a debt collector.
Date of notice: September 28, 2024
Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT

Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at that place where Circuit Court is held in Cass County, Michigan, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m., on Wednesday, October 30, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Commercial Mortgage ("Mortgage") to secure an indebtedness in the original amount of $462,004.00, from Theresa Seitz, an individual, Mortgagor, to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Velocity Commercial Capital Loan Trust 2021-3, Mortgagee, dated July 30, 2021, recorded on August 3, 2021, at Liber 1220, Page 2260, as assigned to Mortgagee by assignment recorded at Liber 1227, Page 1598, of the Records of the Cass County Register of Deeds, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the unpaid principal sum of $489,820.00, plus regular interest accrued and which will continue to accrue after April 1, 2024 at the rate of 6.49% per annum, plus default interest and loan fees accrued and that continue to accrue thereafter, plus late charges, corporate advances, and escrow advances that continue to accrue thereafter, plus any applicable contractual prepayment penalty, plus legal fees and costs. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof. Said premises are commonly known as 23861 North Shore Drive, Edwardsburg, MI 49112, situated in Cass County, Michigan, and are described as follows: Real Estate Located in the Township of Ontwa, County of Cass, State of Michigan and described as: Parcel I: Lot Numbered 22 in Oak Beach, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 52, Cass County Records. Parcel II: Lot Numbered 4, Hill Top Lawn, Ontwa Township, Cass County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, page 194, Cass County Records. Notice is further given that the length of the redemption shall be six months from the date of sale. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. If the mortgaged premises is sold at a foreclosure sale under MCL Chapter 600, under section 3278, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the mortgaged premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale for damaging the mortgaged premises during the redemption period. This Instrument Prepared By: Zachary D. Prendergast, Esq. Robbins Kelly Patterson & Tucker 312 Elm Street, Suite 2200 Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 Phone: (513) 721-3330 Fax: (513) 721-5001 E-Mail: zprendergast@rkpt.com
(09-28)(10-19)

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.
Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 AM on NOVEMBER 6, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Catherine M. Hammond, unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Neighborhood Loans, Inc., Mortgagee, dated June 17, 2022 and recorded June 28, 2022 in Liber 1219, Page 718 Cass County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by PNC Bank, National Association, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand Six Hundred Seventy-Six and 58/100 Dollars ($124,676.58).
Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Cass County, Michigan at 10:00 AM on NOVEMBER 6, 2024.
Said premises are located in the Township of Milton, Cass County Michigan, and are described as:
Beginning at the North quarter post of Section 16, Town 8 South, Range 16 West; thence West on Section line 132 feet; thence South 00 degrees 21 minutes West 330 feet; thence South 89 degrees 46 minutes East parallel to the North line of said Section 132 feet; thence North 00 degrees 21 minutes East 330 feet to the Place of Beginning.
31531 US 12, Niles, Michigan 49120
The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.
Dated: October 5, 2024
File No. 24-011616
Firm Name: Orlans PC
Firm Address: 1650 West Big Beaver Road, Troy MI 48084
Firm Phone Number: (248) 502.1400
(10-05)(10-26)

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1541816 HAMMOND

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Cass County, starting promptly at 10:00 a.m., on November 6, 2024. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT, ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage (the "Mortgage") made by DENNY F. BROWN JR., an unmarried man, as Mortgagor(s), to Circle Federal Credit Union, as Mortgagee. The Mortgage is dated April 18, 2022 and was recorded April 22, 2022 at Liber 1216 Page 128 of Cass County Records. The amount claimed to be due on said Mortgage and unpaid at the date of this Notice is TWELVE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TEN AND 73/100 ($12,410.73) DOLLARS, including interest on the applicable indebtedness at a rate of 5.000% per annum. This sum will increase as additional interest, costs, expenses, and attorney fees accrue under the Mortgage and its related note and which are permitted under Michigan law after the date of this Notice. No legal or equitable proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, and the power of sale in the Mortgage has become operative by reason of the default. At the date and time as referenced previously in this Notice, the Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property herein described, or some part of them, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid on the Mortgage, along with interest due, the legal costs and charges of sale as allowed by statute and/or the Mortgage, and any taxes and insurance that the Mortgagee pays on or prior to the date of said sale. The property mentioned and described in the Mortgage, as located in the Township of Howard, County of Cass, and State of Michigan, are more particularly described as follows: Parcel I: Lots Numbered Four (4), Five (5) and the East Thirteen (13) feet of Lot Number Six (6), Bartak Acres, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 171, Cass County Records. Parcel II: Lots Numbered One Hundred Forty-two (142) and One Hundred Forty-three (143), West Shore Park, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 171, Cass County Records. Address: 2578 Bartak Street, Niles, MI 49120; Tax Parcel No.: 14-020-370-004-00 and 14-020-210-142-00; together with all existing or subsequently erected or affixed buildings, improvements, and fixtures; all easements, rights of way, streets, roads, alleys, and public places, privileges, and appurtenances, public or private, now or later used in connection with the premises; and all rights to make divisions of the land that are exempt from the platting requirements of all applicable land division or platting acts, as amended from time to time. Attention Purchasers: the foreclosing Mortgagee reserves the right to cancel the sale prior to sale or to rescind this sale at any time. In that event, your damages, if any, will be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest. If the mortgaged property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Attention Homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. The length of the redemption period will be six (6) months from date of sale, unless the redemption period is shortened pursuant to MCL 600.3241a or MCL 600.3238, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale or as otherwise provided by statute. DATED: October 5, 2024 ANDREW W. BARNES (P70571) BUTZEL LONG P.C. ATTORNEYS FOR CIRCLE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION 317 Center Street South Haven, MI 49090 269-287-2010
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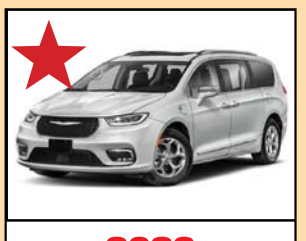

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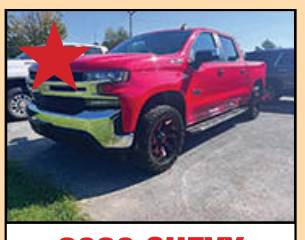

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